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EO 11652: XGDS IMPDET  
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SUBJ: HEADS OF STATE MEETING

REF: MONROVIA 518

1. I CERTAINLY APPLAUD SEKOU TOURE'S INITIATIVE IN SEEKING  
RAPPROACHMENT WITH IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL AND WISH THIS  
EFFORT WELL. I AM ASTONISHED, HOWEVER, NOT TO SEE SIERRA  
LEONE MENTIONED AS A PARTICIPANT IF THE CONFERENCE IS TO BE  
EXPANDED TO INCLUDE TOGO AND GAMBIA AND FEEL IT WOULD BE A  
MISTAKE TO EXCLUDE SIAKA STEVENS FROM PARTICIPATION. STEVENS  
IS BY NATURE A CONCILIATOR AND MEDIATOR AND HAS MAINTAINED  
EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH ALL PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS. FURTHER,  
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SIERRA LEONE HAS A DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT WITH GUINEA IN WHICH  
BOTH NATIONS ARE OBLIGATED TO SEND TROOPS TO DEFEND EACH  
OTHER'S TERRITORIES.

2. WHILE I CANNOT BE CERTAIN, I BELIEVE STEVENS WOULD RESENT  
NOT BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WIDER CONFERENCE  
(I.E. INCLUDING TOGO AND GAMBIA) AND THAT RESENTMENT COULD

BE DIRECTED TOWARD LIBERIA RATHER THAN GUINEA. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH ATTORNEY-GENERAL MINAH LATTER SPOKE FORCEFULLY ABOUT GUN-RUNNING ON A SMALL SCALE BETWEEN LIBERIA AND SLPP PARTY MEMBERS IN HIS HOME DISTRICT DURING LAST YEAR'S ELECTION DISTURBANCES AND IN THE PROCESS REVEALED THE LINGERING SUSPICION STILL HELD BY STEVENS AND OTHERS IN THE HIERARCHY THAT LIBERIA SOMEHOW BACKED THE SLPP. I ALSO RECALL SIERRA LEONE'S PIQUE THAT VP WARNER MADE HIS FIRST EXTERNAL VISIT TO GUINEA RATHER THAN SIERRA LEONE.

3. WHILE WE CERTAINLY CANNOT TELL THE AFRICANS WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO A CONFERENCE OF THIS NATURE, IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO EXPRESS TO DENNIS OR TOLBERT YOUR SURPRISE THAT SIERRA LEONE APPARENTLY IS NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EXPANDED CONFERENCE.

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